

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ade for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative at the April 10, 2008 telephone interview. During the interview, the pending restriction requirement was discussed. In the requirement, claims 7-9 and 42-68 were pending, and these claims were restricted to the following four Groups:

Group I (claims 7-9),
Group II (claims 42-57),
Group III (claims 58-63); and
Group IV (claim 64-68)

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I for prosecution in this application, and reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. As discussed during the interview, Applicant respectfully submits that the Group II independent claims may be searched with the Group I independent claim without undue effort, and requests reconsideration as to whether Groups I and II may be examined together.

The amendment herein cancels non-elected claims 58-68 without prejudice or disclaimer, and adds new claims 69-74 which contain similar language to that already found in elected Group I claims 7-9 (but in method and Beauregard form). Applicant also makes a minor revision to claim 9 (replacing "the" with "a"). Should the Examiner wish to have further discussion and/or amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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